

## House Resolution No. 3464

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Dora Kloeppel, a treasured resident of Linn, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on July 3, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at the Osage County Community Center in Linn; and

**Whereas**, Dora Kloeppel came into this world in Osage County on July 1, 1904, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Vincent and Mary Baclesse, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Dora embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Dave Kloeppel, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and affection of seven fine children; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who derived a tremendous amount of satisfaction from gardening and sewing, Dora Kloeppel enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a factory worker during World War II; and

**Whereas**, Dora Kloeppel has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her seven children, Grace Ollien Smith, John "Buddie" Kloeppel (deceased), Mary Ann (deceased), Robert Frank (deceased), Donna Mounger, Patsy Schulze, and Doris Niepert; her twenty-three grandchildren; her thirty-eight great-grandchildren, her five step-great-grandchildren; her six great-great-grandchildren; and her two step-great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now one hundred years young, Dora Kloeppel faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Dora Kloeppel as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Dora Kloeppel, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Merrill M. Townley  
District No. 112

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3464, adopted June 23, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker